



Body Worn Cameras

The cameras are here!



San Diego County Sheriff's Department
Video Analysis Unit

Body Worn Cameras

Policy & Procedure Goals

- Capturing crimes in progress
- Documenting deputy response
- Aiding in statement / report documentation
- Serve as a training tool



Body Worn Cameras Policy

P&P 6.131 – The San Diego County Sheriff's Department authorizes the use of Body Worn Camera (BWC) technology, with the goal of providing an additional layer of documentation for events, actions, conditions and statements made during critical incidents and to improve reports, collection of evidence and testimony in court. The use of the BWC technology is meant to assist and compliment Deputy Sheriff's and Community Services Officers in the performance of their duties and is not meant to replace or relieve the Deputy or Community Services Officer of his/her responsibility of submitting any and all required written reports.



Body Worn Cameras Policy

All audio, images and media associated with the BWC are the property of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department and will not be copied, released or disseminated in any form or manner outside the parameters of this policy without the express written release from the San Diego County Sheriff or his/her designee. Sheriff's Detectives assigned to conduct criminal investigations, creating a secondary copy of a BWC recording subsequent to an official investigation, are exempt from the above. Under no circumstances will any employee of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department make a personal copy of any recorded event.



Body Worn Cameras Procedure

When to record

- Deputies **shall** activate the BWC to record all law enforcement related contacts.
- While away from department facilities, deputies shall keep their BWC powered on and in stand-by mode.
- The record mode of the camera **shall** be activated prior to actual contact with the citizen, or as soon as safely possible.



Body Worn Cameras Procedure

When NOT to record

- Pre-shift conferences
- Department locker rooms
- Break rooms
- Restrooms
- Report writing room
- Tactical briefings
- Undercover deputies
- Confidential informants



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Professional Conduct

- Be aware of the potential to relax and get used to being recorded
- Audio might be all that is recorded
- BWCs pick up sound from great distances so be aware of conversations



Axon Body 2 camera

Nomenclature



Axon Body 2 camera



To start recording video,
double tap the **EVENT Button**.
LED blinks red.



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